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PROPOSED GENERAL THEME:

"ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY"

The central purpose of this article is to present high school students with a clear, concise, and understandable analysis of the role of the Central Intelligence Agency in national security policy. I have offered some suggested themes for the proposed article. It would neither be necessary to discuss all of these ideas, nor to confine your article to these subjects:

- I. History of the Central Intelligence Agency
 - A. The Post World War II World and the need for intelligence operations.
 - B. National Security Act of 1947 and subsequent laws.
 - 1. With what power and responsibilities was the CIA charged?
 - 2. Examples of powers not included in its mandate.
 - C. What is meant by "national security policy"?
 - D. CIA and National Security Policy --- examples of major successes in the 1950's, 1960's and/or 1970's.
- II. Recent Debate and Investigations
 - A. The need for secrecy in intelligence operations.
 - 1. Explain and analyze
 - 2. How to resolve this need with the rights of citizens to be informed about the activities and expenditures of their government?
 - 3. Should "leaks" be subject to criminal prosecution?
 - B. Changes in policies and procedures
 - 1. Executive order of former President Ford --- what significant changes were instituted?
 - 2. Major changes enacted or foreseen under Director Stansfield Turner
 - C. General Comments